

**Neruda Weekend - 3rd Planning Meeting - 24th July 1993**

**Present:** Bobby Christie; Kirsten Crosbie, Margaret Murray; Paul Anderson; Barnado Alhucema; Tatiana Alhucema; Jim Ferguson; Audrey

**Name for the event:** John Manson phoned bobby with the suggestion that we call the weekend Homenaje - Pablo Neruda. Homenaje (pronounced homenake) means homage. We felt that this was a fitting title and have decided to use it.

**Venue:** We have a provisional booking for the Larkfield Centre for Friday 17th & Saturday 18th September. Booking fee approx. £140. It has creche facilities, a small meeting room and a kitchen. We hope to have the dates confirmed on Tuesday 27th July. We need a bar license for both nights, 3 weeks in advance of the event. Margaret will collect forms.

**Committee:** for the purposes of hiring the hall and fundraising, we need to be an official group and draw up a list of aims. These are as follows:

1) the Pablo Neruda Commemoration Committee is a group formed to organise a cultural event celebrating the life and works of Pablo Neruda - 1971 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature and one of Chile's leading writers.

2) the object of the event is to introduce Neruda's work to a wider audience

3) the group is a non-profit making organisation

4) the office bearers are:

Chairperson - Bobby Christie, Neruda Press, 51 Allison Street, Glasgow

Secretary - Margaret Murray, 31 Leven Street, Glasgow. Tel: 423 9448

Treasurer - Jim Ferguson, 1009 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow

5) all proceeds from the event will go to Clydeside Action Against Asbestos

**Fundraiser:** Confirmed date for fundraiser in the Clutha Vaults is Tuesday 17th August. Invited readers are Karen Thompson; Paul Anderson; Robert Fulton; Brian Whittingham; Sandie Craigie; Jim Kelman; Tom Leonard. We have still to approach Alan Tall re music and may also ask the band Keratan Pallu. We need to confirm these names as soon as possible. Margaret will typeset and photocopy fliers, please phone her as soon as names have been confirmed.

**Weekend Readings:** Jim McSharry will MC both nights. Ramsay Kannan has confirmed the AK Press bookstall and talk. Edwin Morgan and Janet Paisley are both confirmed for the 17th. Lore Callastegi will read from Neruda's works (probably 17th). We may ask Susan Turner & friends to sing on the 17th. No music confirmed yet for the 18th, will ask the Urban Gypsies or the Bain Brothers. Still looking for Chilean musicians as Tatiana's band will be in Aberdeen on that date. The Larkfield holds no more than 100 people (including performers and organisers) so we decided to produce tickets to sell at the fundraiser and elsewhere to ensure that people don't get turned away at the door. These will be ready by the 17th August.

**Films:** We still hope to have films/videos for the Saturday afternoon. Tatiana's band are featuring on an STV programme called The New Scots in September. It may be possible to get a copy of this video. Also, The GFT is running a Latin American season in September. It would be worthwhile approaching them re films/videos. We could perhaps offer to advertise the season on our fliers and programmes in return for borrowing films/videos.

**Advertising:** Scottish Child gave us a free, half page advert in their next issue. Details have already been sent to them. We will give them a block advert on the back of fliers and programmes in return. We should offer this to all the publications we want to advertise in. People need to get in touch with the various publications as soon as possible and get back to Margaret to confirm so that we can acknowledge them in our fliers.

Next meeting 7th/8/93 1:30 in the Clutha Bar.